(2) ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

MR. SPEAKER:—" I have to announce to the House that the following candidates were nominated for the election of fifteen members to the Committee of Privileges:—

(1) Sri S. Vemayya,
(2) ,, M. Narayana Kurup,
(3) ,, S. C. C. Anthony Pillai,
(4) ,, N. Gopala Menon,
(5) ,, S. Panchaksharam,
(6) ,, K. V. Vema Reddy,
(7) ,, Chinnathambi Thevar,
(8) ,, S. Ramaswamy Naidu,
(9) ,, P. Selvaraj,
(10) ,, P. T. Rajan,
(11) Janab Kunhi Mohamed Shafee.
(12) Sri T. Viswanatham,
(13) ,, P. Ramamurthi,
(14) ,, T. Nagi Reddi,
(15) ,, N. V. L. Narasimha Rao,
(16) ,, P. Rangasamy Reddiar.

" Sri S. Vemayya has since withdrawn his candidature."

" As the number of remaining candidates validly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., fifteen, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the Committee of Privileges."

(3) ELECTION TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER:—" I have to announce to the House that the following candidates were nominated for the election of fourteen members to the Public Accounts Committee:—

(1) Sri G. Latchanna,
(2) ,, L. C. Pais,
(3) Srimathi Dr. Soundaram Ramachandran,
(4) Sri R. V. Swaminathan,
(5) ,, A. Balarama Reddi,
(6) ,, V. K. Ramasamy Mudaliar,
(7) ,, P. Gopalakrishna Reddy,
(8) ,, P. V. R. Gajapathy Raju,
(9) ,, V. V. Ramaswami,
(10) ,, D. Dasarathan,
(11) ,, K. C. Gopalan Unni,
(12) ,, T. Viswanatham,
(13) ,, K. R. Viswanathan,
(14) ,, P. Venkateswarlu,

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"As the number of candidates validly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., fourteen, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the Committee of Public Accounts."

(4) ELECTION TO THE SENATE OF THE ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY.

MR. SPEAKER:—"I have to announce to the House that the following candidates were nominated for the election of three members to the Senate of the Annamalai University:—

(1) Sri D. Dasarathan,

(2) ,, V. Krishnaswamy Padayachi,

(3) Janab K. M. Seethi,

(4) Sri S. P. Thangavelu.

"Sri D. Dasarathan has since withdrawn his candidature.

"As the number of remaining candidates validly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., three, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the Senate of the Annamalai University."

IV.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1952-53—cont.

MR. SPEAKER:—"The hon. Member Sri S. T. Adityan who was speaking when the House rose yesterday, will now continue his speech."

9-15 a.m. *SRI S. T. ADITYAN:—"Mr. Speaker, Sir, yesterday before the House rose I was telling the hon. Members of this House that fresh taxation is unnecessary. Secondly, in regard to surcharge on land revenue, I said that it begins at a low level and that it is too steep also. As to the petrol tax, I said that bus traffic is now being taxed and that the tax may affect the bus and lorry traffic also, and incidentally affect the distribution of food. In these circumstances, I said that at least there should be a guarantee that a definite proportion of taxation on road traffic would be utilised for road development. Then, Sir, I pleaded for a liberalisation of lorry traffic. As to Prohibition, I said that the yardstick with which its success should be measured is not whether the old addicts are still drinking but whether we are creating a new generation of addicts. I mentioned that according to information on this side, as new kinds of essences have come into existence and are corrupting the young men a new type of drink addicts has been created. I have only to add that in certain places, addicts have gone to such an extent that every cottage is almost a distillery. I am told that even women have begun to drink in such places. I said yesterday that we depend upon the women of this State as the bulwark of Prohibition and if the women-folk also are taking to drink, then certainly it is a very serious matter. I said the U.D.F. is not committed to any decision on this matter, because it has to be investigated and found if the facts alleged are correct; if correct, then Prohibition is a failure.